

## PURCHASE OF CERTAIN LOTS IN CEDAR CITY, UTAH

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Mr. SNYDER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11362]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11362) to authorize an appropriation for the purchase of certain lots in the town of Cedar City, Utah, for the use and benefit of a small band of Piute Indians located thereon, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This legislation, your committee finds, to be very meritorious and provides for purchase of a small section of land for the use and occupancy of a few Piute Indians. These Indians have no funds to their credit and should be protected in the continued use of this land on which they have become squatters. They have no reservation provided for their use, are peaceable and law-abiding, and your committee feels that they deserve this slight assistance from the Government.

The report of the Secretary of the Interior recommending this legislation is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, January 3, 1925.

HON. HOMER P. SNYDER,  
*Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,  
House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. SNYDER: Reports on file in this department show that a small band of Piute Indians, now numbering 36, has occupied certain land in the town of Cedar City, Utah, for many years. This land originally was a part of the public domain, but is now included in the town of Cedar City, and the record title to the several lots occupied by the Indians is held by various individuals.

An offer has been received on behalf of the owners to sell to the Government for the use of these Indians, nine lots or parts of lots, on which the Indians are

located and on which they have improvements, for the sum of \$1,275. These Indians have no funds to their credit from which the purchase could be made, and if they are to be protected in their continued use of the land it will be necessary to obtain an appropriation through Congress.

The Indians concerned and their immediate ancestors have always lived in Cedar City or in the immediate vicinity, and they make a scanty living by working for the whites in various capacities.

They have no reservation provided for their use, are peaceable and law-abiding, and they deserve the assistance of the Government.

It is therefore recommended that the inclosed draft of a bill, or legislation similar thereto, be given favorable consideration by your committee, and its passage urged at the present session of Congress.

The Director of the Bureau of the Budget reports under date of December 15, 1924, that the authorization of the appropriation as proposed is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.

